

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 13, lines 3-19 as follows:

With reference now to **Figure 4**, a diagram of data flow in a server is depicted in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. This figure illustrates the flow of packets through a server, such as one used in server system **104**. Although **Figure 4** provides an example using TCP, the present invention is not limited to TCP and may be applied to other transport layer protocols, such as, for example, User Datagram Protocol (UDP). ~~Server 400~~ The server illustrated in **Figure 4** receives packets from clients and sends packets back to clients. A packet **402** is received at Internet Protocol (IP) layer **404**. IP layer **404** incorporates the protocol within TCP/IP that governs the breakup of data messages into packets, the routing of the packets from sender to destination network and station, and the reassembly of the packets into the original data messages at the destination. IP corresponds to the network layer in the ISO/OSI model.

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 19, line 21 to page 20, line 2 as follows:

With reference again to step **804**, if the packet is part of an existing connection, the address of the previously selected server is selected from the table (step **816**) with the process then proceeding to step **810** as previously described. Referring back to step **802**, if the destination IP address and the destination TCP port of the packet both do not match a Network Dispatch (ND) cluster address and a ND port, the packet is forwarded to TCP layer **408** in step **814**. This occurs when a packet is not destined for a connection that has multiple server daemons assigned to handle the connection.